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SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1. PLEASE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
TO THE PRIME MINISTER:

BEGIN TEXT - DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I DEEPLY APPRE-  
CIATE YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON MY INAUGURATION  
AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

IT IS MY FERVENT HOPE THAT THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WILL BRING  
SUSTAINED WORLD PEACE AND INCREASING INTERNATIONAL COOPERA-  
TION, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU IN  
PURSUIT OF THE GOALS OUR COUNTRIES SHARE.

I WANT TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE  
PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND OURS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.  
END TEXT.

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2. FYI: THE PRESIDENT IS RESPONDING TO THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER:

BEGIN TEXT - JANUARY 20, 1977  
MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF

THAILAND, I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY SINCERE AND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR OFFICIAL ASSUMPTION TO THE HIGH OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE MAINTENANCE AND STRENGTHENING OF PEACE, SECURITY AND PROSPERITY, THE PROMOTION OF THE PEOPLES' WELL-BEING AND JUSTICE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ALWAYS PARTAKE THE NATURE OF SERIOUS COMMITMENTS FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION. IN THIS CONTEXT, I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT AMERICA UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE WILL PROVE TO BE STRONG, JUST, AND COMPASSIONATE IN ORDER TO SURMOUNT ANY CHALLENGE OF THE REMAINING 70S AND TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THAILAND, THEREFORE, I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVOURS.

MR. PRESIDENT, FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES DATE BACK TO THE DAY, 145 YEARS AGO, WHEN THE FORMER WAS THE FIRST ASIAN COUNTRY TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO THE THEN NEWLY EMERGING UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES HAS DEVELOPED IN ALL FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. IT IS ON THE BASIS OF THIS PAST RECORD OF CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT CLOSE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE FURTHER INTENSIFIED AND EXPANDED.

CONSTRUCTIVE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN  
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REGION IS WELCOMED, NOT ONLY BY THAILAND ALONE, BUT BY ALL PEACE-LOVING COUNTRIES. THE YOUNG AND VIABLE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH-EAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) STRIVES TO BETTER THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF ITS MEMBER STATES. IN ENDEAVOURING TO DO SO, WE HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM CONTINUING SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES, IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE NEW UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE WILL GIVE DUE ATTENTION TO THE ASEAN EFFORTS IN REGIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF PEOPLES AS WELL AS FOR THE STABILITY AND PROGRESS OF THE REGION.

ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. (TANIN KRAIVIXIEN) PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND. END TEXT.

3. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS

EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF THE THAI  
WISH TO DO SO.  
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